

FLAT DECK APPARATUS AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for a deck includes a first frame member, and a second frame member. One of the first frame member or the second frame member has a spacing element thereon. The spacing element spaces the one of the first frame member or the second frame member with respect to the other of one of the first frame member or the second frame member. The spacing element includes a lip formed with respect to one of the first frame member or the second frame member. The spacing element can also a connector associated with at least one of the first frame member or the second frame member. A method for assembling a deck frame that includes placing a first frame member with respect to a second frame member, wherein one of the first frame member or the second frame member has a spacing device thereon; temporarily attaching the first and the second frame members; and permanently attaching the first and the second frame members.